[*Translation*]

Reduction in quota of Coal to Industries

1283. SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYYA SADUL: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether fifty per cent cut in the quota of Coal of a number of industries including ceremic units from April, 1991 onwards has adversely affected the functioning of such units;

(b) if so, the reasons for such cut in the quota;

(c) whether even this reduced quota has not been supplied to those units;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to make available full quota of coal to such units during the remaining part of the current financial year?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) to (e). Due to insufficient supply of coal to consumers in non-core sector, it was decided in July, 1991 that atleast 50% of the linked quantity of coal must be supplied to all non core sector consumers either by rail or road. These instructions were implemented. But for these instructions the level of satisfaction of non-core sectors would have been even lower. The shortfall in supply to these consumers occurred because of high priority movement to core sectors like power, cement and steel etc. However, with improved production of coal in all coal companies leading to better availability, efforts are being made to meet full requirements of all the consumers.

[*English*]

Austerity measures in Coal India Limited

1284. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Union Government for taking austerity measures in Coal India Limited;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time bound programme thereof;

(c) whether the Coal India Limited has a number of small aircrafts; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the expenditure incurred on their repairs and maintenance during the last three years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) and (b). The economy measures suggested by Ministry of Finance have been communicated to Coal India Limited (CIL) for compliance. CIL has planned to improve coal production during 1991-92 from the level of previous year by 13.4 million tonnes, the planned growth being 7%. Improvement in productivity (output per man shift) is planned to increase from the present level of 1.29 tonnes to a level of 1.37 tonnes, the growth being 6%. Reduction in administrative expenses on items other than salaries and wages has been planned to the tune of approximately 10% and the savings are estimated at Rs. 8.3 crores.

(c) CIL has the following aircrafts: & 5-passenger seater aircraft-1

(d) 4 passenger seater aircraft-1 Helicopter (recently purchased)-1

According to the report furnished by Coal India Limited, the expenditure incurred on repair and maintenance of aircrafts for the last three years has been as under:

Year	*Amount (Rs.)*
1990-91	12,56,100.95
1989-90	7,00,588.00
1988-89	9,55,258.08